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SUBJECT: SOHYO PROJECT AID TO NORTH VIETNAM

1. ARAI, SOHYO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER IN CHARGE OF PLANNING BUREAU, BRIEFED EMBOFF ON JAPANESE CULTURE CENTER WHICH NATIONAL LABOR CENTER WILL PRESENT TO NORTH VIETNAM. SOHYO (GENERAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNION OF JAPAN WILL CONTRIBUTE THE EQUIVALENT OF APPROXIMATELY US DOLLAR 330,000 INCLUDING BUILDING MATERIAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CULTURE CENTER IN HONGAI, NORTH VIETNAM. FUND NOW 80 PERCENT RAISED AFTER THREE YEAR CAMPAIGN. GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY DAY. ABOUT 60 JAPANESE UNION YOUTH WILL BE DISPATCHED BY SOHYO TO HELP THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN CONSTRUCTION WORK.

2. WITH A TOTAL FLOOR SPACE OF 2,400 SQUARE METERS, THE BRICK BUILDING WILL HOUSE A 700-SEAT HALL FOR MOVIES, CONCERTS, AND OTHER PERFORMANCES AND A 150-SEAT CONFERENCE HALL AS WELL AS A LIBRARY AND MEETING ROOMS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PRIVATE JAPANESE PROJECT AID TO NORTH VIETNAM, ALTHOUGH MEDICAL AND OTHER SUPPLIES SENT ON MODEST SCALE THROUGH RED CROSS AND BY SOHYO IN FOUR YEARS BEFORE PARIS ACCORD. THOUGH ARAI
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COMMENTED THAT CENTER WOULD BE NO WORKERS' PALANCE,

SUCCESS AND SIZE OF CAMPAIGN
BOTH LARGEST IN SOHYO HISTORY.
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